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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DETENTION CASE, EARL DIBBLE AND SPOUSE

1. ON AUGUST 17, MR AND MRS EARL DIBBLE, ELDERLY OWNERS OF TRAVELOGUE COMPANY, DIBBLELOGS, SCARSDALE, NEW YORK, REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE. AT THE REQUEST OF AMERICAN JOURNALIST FRIEND IN U.S. (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) DIBBLES DELIVERED FOOD, CLOTHES, MEDICINE, AND BOOKS TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE MAXIM LITVINOV, IN MOSCOW. DUE TO THE CONFUSION, THE DIBBLES ALSO GAVE THE LITVINOVS SOME OF THEIR OWN CAMERA EQUIPMENT VALUED AT SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS. THE DIBBLES REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN RECONTACTING THE LITVINOVS, HELP IN OBTAINING EQUIPMENT AND USE OF THE POUCH TO EXPORT IT.

2. EMBOFFS INFORMED DIBBLES THAT THEY COULD NOT CONTACT THE LITVINOVS AND THAT USE OF THE POUCH WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION. IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT DIBBLES ALREADY VIOLATED SOVIET CUSTOMS REGULATIONS, EMBOFFS ALSO STRONGLY URGED THEM TO FOREGO TRYING TO RETRIEVE THEIR EQUIPMENT FROM THE LITVINOVS AND SUGGESTED THAT, IN GENERAL, THEY BE MORE CIRCUMSPECT IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH SOVIET CITIZENS.

3. SINCE THE DIBBLES APPEAR TO BE DETERMINED TO RETRIEVE

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THEIR CAMERA EQUIPMENT, IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT THEY WILL SEEK TO RECONTACT THE LITVINOVS FOR THAT PURPOSE. IT CANNOT, OF COURSE, BE RULED OUT THAT THEY WILL BE PICKED UP FOR VIOLATING SOVIET CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND EMBOFFS WARNED THEM ACCORDINGLY.
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